Dagget Tells How He Set the Barker Block Ablaze.

HIS STORY APPARENTLY TRUE

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Daggett's Tale.

Yesterday morning Marshal Cummings went in the patrol, wagon to the depot, at 8 o'clock, to meet Daggett, the man who claimed to have set the Barker building on fire and who was expected to arrive from Lincoln. But he did not come on the Union Pacific train.

At 10:40 o'clock the patrol wagon made a second trip, on the arrival of the B. & M. train, with Officer Turnbull on board. This time it returned with Chief of Police Beach, of Lincoln, and the young man mentioned. All were driven to the police station, where Daggett was seen by a

BEE reporter.

He is a low-sized slight man swarthy features, piercing black eyes, denoting French extraction. He was dressed in a dark vest, rough shirt, faded grey pantaloons, worn out shoes with a sun-browed short french cost and dinay silk any phich was frock coat, and a dingy silk cap which was tightly drawn down upon the head. He wore a slight mustach and on his chin a feeble down strove earnestly to fashion itself into a beard. At first sight he would be taken for a tramp, and later acquaintance but confirms the impression, although he is of a kindly disposition which is not always found in such itiner

To a number of inquiries from the BEE reporter ee told the following story: "My name is Lascher R. Daggett. I am twenty-nine years of age. My home is in Racine, Wis., where my parents reside. My mother is a French woman. I am a printer by trade. I learned the trade at my home, though I have not worked at the business for five years. I came out at the business for five years. I came out to these parts last September and came to these parts last September and came over to this city from Council Bluffs. with Barnum's circus. I was not working for the circus. I have remained here since, but I have not been at work except one week that I helped a carpenter and four days and a half that I worked in Garneau's cracker factory. The last job was in the week before the Barker fire. I received four dollars and a half for my work. Yes, I could get work, but I could not find anything that was not too hard for me. I lived around and slept around as best I could and on the night of the fire, all my money, the \$4.50 I had received from Garneau, was gone. I received from Garneau, was gone. I spent it in drinking whisky. I felt tired that evening and I walked up Farnam street, went up the front stairway leading to the second floor of the Baker building. I went into the room there which is all full of windows and I lay

down under one of the carpenter tables and went to sleep. This was about half past 6 o'clock. No, there was nobody around. There were two carpenter benches in the room, the one I slept under was the one farthest from Farnam street and about fifteen feet from the head of the stairs. Both of these benches ran east and west. I had not slept very long. I don't think it was more than half an hour, because it was cold, and the cold woke me. I raised up to light my pipe and scratched my match on my pants. The match broke and the head fell in the shavings. I looked for it, but couldn't find it. I couldn't be sure that it had blazed, but I think there was a little fire on it. I then fumbled in my pocket for another match, and while I was doing this, I noticed the shavings on fire, and then I knew that my match was lighted as it fell in the shavings. I jumped up and commenced to stamp to put out the bre, but it was too big, and I gave it up and went down stairs. I was afraid

it would catch a man who went upstairs about three minutes after I had laid down When I reached the street, people already had noticed the fire, and were crying out, but none of them took notice of me as I went down the stairs and got in amongst them. I felt that everybody suspected me though, and before the fire was out, I went away sat down in a saloon a couple of blocks from the building. Then I walked around for a while and went to bed in a lodging house a couple of blocks below the Paxton house. Yes my money was all gone but I pawned my coat with the lodging manual has a second to be a second t man and he gave me a 15-cent bed. Next day I walked around the country and finally got to Lincoln, where the marshal gave me lodging in the station. This made me feel kindly to him and I told him the story that I have told you." He then told how he felt he was followed and suspected of the crime, so that he could not be at ease, and as he told this, his eyes were bathed in tears. Daggett is not a man disposed to be profuse in his words, and although the cause of great loss, and a wreck as to his life's pros-pects, there was nothing about him to suggest that he was not telling a straight-forward story, the result of which caused

So far as the steps, the shavings on the floor, the two tables and their location and direction are concerned, his story was corroborated by the contractor of the building. With a slight allowance for a mistake of a few minutes, the time at which the flames were discovered would tally with that when Daggett 1et his match head fall into the shavings.

him great pain.

His story of having pawned his coat for lodging was afterwards found to be truthful by a BEE reporter, who called at Louis' fifteen cent rooms on Farnam be tween Eleventh and Twelfth streets. Mr tween Eleventh and Twelfth streets. Mr. Louis remembered Dogget and described him accurately, as did also a lady who was present during the interview. Dogget went to the lodging house soon after the fire was extinguished, and he had a new, soft overtooat which had not been worn very long. That he pawned next morning after the fire. The garment he pawned to Lewis is a dark blue jacket in the last stages of usefulness.

Daggett told his story to a number of people, among whom were the Baker brothers, the contractor, Chief Galligan, and a host of others who called at the jail out of curiosity to see him. Daggett was locked up to await developments.

DELINQUENT TAXES.

Something About the Manner of Con-

ducting the Sale of Lots. County Treasurer Bolln said yesterday helhad finished the public sale of lots on which delinquent taxes had accumulated, but was still making a few private sales of lots. Altogether, about three hundred lots have been sold so far, and the number eventually will reach fully five hund-

There is a certain class of money-sharks which makes a business of buying up these tax titles by paying the amount of taxes due. Ot course titles acquired in this way are imperfect, even after the lapse of a long time. Any delinquent may, within two years after the sale of property redeem the same by paying in at the county treasurer's office the amount of delinquency, together with 20 per cent interest. This is turned over to the man who has purchased the lot. Oc-casionally this way the money shark wi'll receive a handsome profit on his invest-ment. Or the delinquent may not redeum the property within two years, and the purcheseer may then take possession

THE FIRE-BUG IN OMAHA. of it, though under a somewhat clouded In many cases the lots are redeemed immediately. For instance, yesterday a man came into the treasurer's office and redeemed a lot which had been sold the day before. He was charged 1 cent in-

terest, which magnificent sum will be paid over, with the principal, to the man who purchased the property at the delinquent sale.

ARMY MARKSMANSHIP. The Department Makes the Best

Average on Record. For the last two years the department of the Platte has ranked very high in the matter of marksmanship, thanks to the energetic efforts of the instructor of rifle practice, Colonel Henry. It has however remained for the department to "lower the record" (to use a sporting phrase) in the matter of skirmish firing. This has been done according to reports just received by Colonel Henry. Major Van Horn, of Company A. Seven-teenth infantry, stationed at Fort Rus-sell, reports that his company made the wonderful record of 91.36 out of a possi-ble 100, in skirmish firing at figure tar-gets. The highest average ever made in this department before was 80, which was achieved last year. The best record ever made in any department before was 88.69—the achievement of Company K, Eighth infantry, of the Department of

California, "I have no doubt" said Col Henry today "that the Department of the Platte would take higher rank in the matter of firing than any other department in America, if we could leave out Fort Do Chesne. This is a post which has been but recently organized, and the soldiers had no time for practice. By a recent order, the average of this post will have to be counted and it will probably lower our record."

Chaplain McAdam, of Fort Omaha has been ordered to Fort Russell, to take the place of Chaplain Brady, recently de-

ENRAGED EMPLOYES.

are Charged With Robbing From the U. P. Freight. Yesterday morning there was half : dozen angry men in the vicinity of the Union Pacific depot. They had been discharged by Mr. Ousler, the agent from the employ of the company as freight handlers and the reason assigned was breaking open packages in transit and pilfering therefrom. They were indignant over their treatment, and had just returned from a visit to Superintend-ent Smith, who said he could not take any action in their case until they had first protested to Mr. Kouns or Mr. Dorfirst protested to Mr. Kouns or Mr. Dorrance. They were waiting for Mr. Kouns, who was siek Thursday, who, it was expected, would yesterday hear their objections. The names of the parties discharged are withheld, until the matter is finally adjusted. They all deny the charge of theft, and in the event of not being reinstated propose to sue Mr. Ousler for defamation of character. They have already secured legal advice and hired an attorney for the

advice and hired an attorney for the purpose. Thursday a fellow name Murtha who was suspected of having incorrectly informed upon the men, was met by one of them. He was asked to go to the superintendent and prove his charge, but refused, used hard words, when one of his enraged victims struck and broke his nose,

The Dodge Street Grade.

A meeting of of Dodge street property holders was held Thursday night at the office of Scott & Scott, there being present City Engineer A. Rosewater, C. R. Scott, G. H. Boggs, S. R. Johnson, Geo. B. Lake, T. M. Phillips, N. Kuhn, Dr. A. A. Parker, N. Shelton, T. S. Grigor, P. L. Perrine, H. Deuel, L. Kennard, W. F. Sweesey. Dr. J. C. Denise, M. Goldsmith, Geo. Stebbins, H. W. Yates, G. M. Hitchcock, J. J. Monell, L. P. and M.F. Funkhouser, Chas. Huntington and W. J. Broatch. The motion that a change of grade on

Dodge street from Seventeenth to city limits is desirable was carried with but three dissenting votes.

There was a great diversity of opinion as to how much it should be cut, but a compromise was finally carried that a cut of not less than eight feet at Twentieth street and a cut of four feet from Twenty-fourth street west should be made was carried almost unanimously. That a change is need is shown by the statement of the city engineer that it would not be safe to pave as the grade now existing is almost twice as steep as

Justice Berka.

Mary Looks yesterday morning obtaind writ of replevin against her stepfather Fred Evald, who she claims wrongfully withholds from her a bed and all the clothing pertaining thereto, which the plaintiff avers was given to her by her mother before the latter's death.

Yesterday afternoon the case of the state against Valentine Lipp, for receiving noney under false pretenses came up in this court. Solomon Kalish was the complaining witness. His statement was that Lipp received from him \$125 which stated three workmen engaged in building a house in South Omaha re quired for services, when in fact they were in no way entitled to the money. The case went to Judge Berka on change of venu from Judge Anderson.

"Truth" Paying Its Notes.

Yesterday morning John Hannon brought suit in Justice Berka's office to prevent a settlement between the present managersof,"Truth" and the former pub-lishers of "Progress" before the latter shall agree to pay him the sum of \$10 due him for services upon the latter sheet. The material of "Progress" was purchased and converted into "Truth," notes being given by the stockholders of the latter for gradual payments, which are now held by General O'Brien. To-day these notes are to be paid, and of the amount to be paid Mr. Hannon wants reserved \$40 above claimed. Attorney Kuhn is Mr. Hannon's attorney.

Missouri Valley Turn Bezirk.

The Missouri Valley Turn bezirk meets in this city this evening. This is composed of turner vereins in the cities Kansas City and St. Joe, Missouri; Omaha in Nebraska and Topeka, Atchison, Lawrence, Maryville and Fedoria in Kansas. These societies will be represented by delegates, to whom a reception will be tendered in Germania hall. On Sunday morning and Monday, the sessions of the bezirk will be held. On Sunday night a grand gymnastic exhibi-Sunday night a grand gymnastic exhibi-tion concert and ball will be given in honor of the delegates.

Admitted to the Federal Bar. The following attorneys have been admitted within the past two or three days to practice in the United States circuit

and district courts: and district courts:

Alex. Athey, Burnett, Neb.; Benjamin
S. Baker, Fairbury, Neb.; T. O.C. Harrison, Grand Island; T. J. Mahoney, J. T.
Moriarity, Omaha; F. N. Prout, Blue
Springs; Geo, N. Sheesley, David City;
A. R. Talbot, Lincoln.

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Died in the Poor House. Mrs. Keeps, one of the elderly inmates of the poor house, who has relatives in this city, died Thursday but her friends can not be found.

THE ASHLAND CUTOFF. Why it Has Been Delayed -Railroad

An official of the B. & M. said yesterday that the Ashland cutoff would not be completed in time to allow trains to run over it much before December 1st if, indeed, it would then. The fact is that the B. & M. has been delayed in the completion of this cutoff by a hoggish piece of work of the Missouri Pacific. A large cut about 40 or 50 feet deep and 2,000 feet long had to be made about eight miles beyond the stockyards. This was necessary for the laying of the track of both the B. & M. and Missouri Pacific branches. The B. & M. agreed to bear its share of the expense of making this joint cut provided the Missouri Pacific would do the work. This proposition was accepted by the Missouri Pacific. Their contractors, however, have made the cut on one side for the Missouri Pacific, leaving the other side to be taken away afterwards. This work the contractors have been engaged on for some weeks, carrying it on at their leisure. The last yard of dirt will be taken out in time to allow the tracklaying to be commenced on Mon-

This will make the distance between Omaha and Lincoln one of fifty-four miles, and will shorten the time to about two hours. The twenty-minute loss of time at Oreapolis under the present system will, of course, be done away with Besides that, the number of stops between Omaha and Lincoln will be greatly re-

day. Eight miles of track are to be laid

The Chicago & Northwestern has is sued circulars aunouncing that its branch from Lake City, Calhoun county, Iowa, to Wall Lake Junction, Sac county, and from Mapleton to Onawa, Monona county, will be opened on Monday, No-

Yesterday morning, there was quite an influx of Chicago & Northwestern men to this city. They comprised the following gentlemen: H. P. McCullough, general freight agent at Chicago; J. D. Mendenhall, traveling freight agent at Cedar Rapids, K. C. Morehouse, general freight agent of the Sioux City & St. Paul, and the Fremont & Elkhorn Valley road, at Missouri Valley. Emmons Blaine is a son of James G. Blaine, whom, however, he resembles only in a few features He is a gentleman of medium height, compact build, full features and dark complexion. His eyes are dark and his hair close and rapidly turning gray. He was attired in a drab suit, ing gray. He was attired in a drab suit, and wore a seasonable black hat. He has been with the Chicago & Northwestern some years.

Yesterday morning in its 6:15 run, the stock yards engine jumped the track on the Twentieth street viaduct and came to a stand upon the trestle work. The side beam was the only thing which interfered with it being precipitated to the street below, a distance of twenty feet. No material damage was sustained.

S. S. Stevens, general western agent of the C. R. I. & P., left for Chicago Thursday evening. Matt Clair, traveling passenger agent left for the west Thursday night.

Sam C. Nash, assistant general freight agent Union Pacific, headquarters at Salt Lake, left for Chicago Thursday evening.

WILL SUE THE JURY.

Dr. Leisenring Indignant-What He

The text of the verdict returned by the Motfatt jury is presented elsewhere in the BEE. As will be seen by reference to it, Dr. Leisenring, the city physician, is severely scored. He, in common with the police, is charged with criminal negligence and ignorance.

It is hardly necessary to observe that the doctor is wrathy. When the verdict was reported to him he fairly bubbled over with rage. "Why, it's an outrage," e remarked to Coroner Drexel. "I shal certainly sue that jury for libel!" To a reporter who interviewed him this

afternoon, Dr. Leisenring said. "I don't see why the jury should have censured me in the verdict. They had no reason for doing so. I take it that they are a lot of cranks. 'Is it true that you intend to sue the

jury for libel?" was asked of him.
"Yes, sir; I shall handle them without gloves," he replied. "I have placed the matter in the hands of my attorney, who denounces the verdict as an outrage. He says that I ought criminal damages from the jury." "What connection did you have with the

"None whatever, except that about nine o'clock that Sunday I was called in and did all I could for the poor fellow. I bathed his head, washed and dressed his wounds, gave him some medicine, and made him as comfortable as possible. Then I ordered him to be taken within to the hospital, the poorhouse or his own house, where he could receive good care.

"How was it that you failed to be present at the inquest?" "Because I wasn't properly notified. Coroner Drexel told me about half past 1 in the afternoon that he wanted me to be present, but I had several calls to make, and didn't get back to my office until about 3 o'clock. No subpœna was served on me, and I supposed that the in quest was over by that time. If I had been properly notified, I would gladly have been present."

THE GRAND JURY.

Another Batch of Indictments Returned Yesterday.

The federal grand jury returned another batch of indictments yesterday morning. The prisoners indicted were arraigned yesterday morning and those who were not able to engage lawyers were assigned counsel by Judge Dundy.

The men indicted up to the present

ime are as follows : Patrick McNulty, breaking down and lestroying mail box; Christ Hartman, for contempt of court; Frank White, giving contempt of court; Frank White, giving liquor to Indians; William Garnett, selling liquor to Indians; W. Y. Selyn, selling liquor to Indians; Jacob Runkles and C. Hepner, making counterfeit coin; C. Hepner, passing counterfeit coin; Jacob Runkles, passing counterfeit coin, Timothy Spring, selling and giving liquor to

Indians. The grand jury has considerable work before it, and will be in session for a day or two at least. By order of Judge Dundy they are boarding at the Paxton hotel.

Judge Dundy has been engaged to day in hearing the case of John I. Biair vs. Cuming county, a suit on bonds.

NAMING THE OFFICE.

Walnut Hill Must Change Its Name for a Postoffice.

The BEE some weeks ago contained the announcement that application had been made to the postal department at Washington for the establishment of a postoffice at Walnut Hill. It was stated that the application would, in all probability, be acted upon favorably. Yesterday, however, papers were received from the postoffice department at Washington denying the request, at least, so far as the name of the office in the suburb was exerned. This was done on the ground that there is at present in this state a postoffice known as Walnut Grove, and to establish one here as Walnut Itill, would lead to mistakes, confusion and annoyance. When this announcement was made, another name was suggested, namely, Nashville, in

honor of E. W. Nash, of the smeiting works, who has built a magnificent residence and owns quite an amount of property in the neighborhood. master Coutant, when spoken to about the matter, said that while he was pleased with the extreme worthiness of Mr. Nash, who was sought to be honored, yet he felt the name of Nashville would also be an occasion of annoyance and delay. There are now thirmen Nashvilles, in as many states in the union, and, in the the hurry of distributing mail, clerks in very many instances are prone to send letters with the name of Nashville upon them to the most widely known town of the name, in Tennessee. This generally results in a delay of several days, and that delay would in many instances be experienced

It was thought that the name of Mer-cer, in honor of Dr. Mercer, who is the father of Walnut Hill, would be given to the place, but it seems that has been pre-vented by the fact that there is already a Mercer station in this state, though i has no postoffice.



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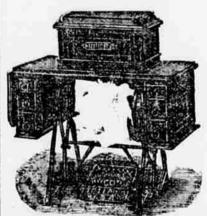
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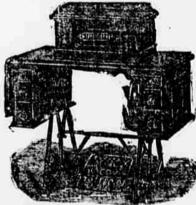
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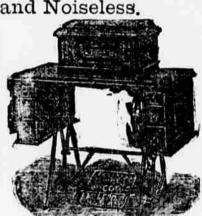


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